



Dear Parent/Carer

7<sup>th</sup> September 2022

### Year 11 & Choosing Post-16 Options

This year, your child will make decisions about where they would like to study or train for (at least) the next two years.

In order to support this important decision making process to make their decision they will have an Information, Advice & Guidance (IAG) appointment this term. Following the IAG appointment, your child will receive a personalised Action Plan via their school email account, which will contain important information and resources. It is important that you discuss this with your child.

**A further event which will help to support the decisions that your child has to make this year is the BRAG Careers event at The Grand in Clitheroe will be taking place 3pm -7pm on the following dates**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

BRAG offers a great opportunity for pupils and parents/carers to chat to providers under one roof.

It is also advisable for you to visit the colleges and training providers to gain further information and get a feel for the college.

Below you will find some information regarding some local education and training provider Open Events. The majority of open events happen during this term. Please note that event dates, times and locations may be subject to change: check with the individual provider for details. It is recommended that you book each open event you wish to attend as places can fill up quickly.

It is important that your child attends some, if not all, events to enable them to make an informed decision about their post-16 provision. Parents/Carers are also actively encouraged to attend with your child, so you can see first-hand some of the fantastic opportunities and services offered to young people in post-16 education and training in our area.

Sixth form/College/Training Provider	Course Types available	Date	Time
Accrington & Rossendale College <a href="https://www.accross.ac.uk/">https://www.accross.ac.uk/</a>	T Level Vocational Apprenticeship	Weds 21 September Tuesday 11 October Weds 16 November Mon 30 January 2023 Thurs 9 February 2023 ( <i>apprenticeships only</i> )	All 5.30-7.30pm  Quiet hour 4.30-5.30pm – place must be booked in advance
Blackburn College <a href="https://www.blackburn.ac.uk/">https://www.blackburn.ac.uk/</a>	A Levels T Level Vocational Apprenticeship	Tuesday 27 September (A Level only) Wednesday 5 October Saturday 19 November Tuesday 7 February 2023	4.30-8pm  4.30-8pm 10am-1pm 4.30-8pm

<p>Burnley College</p> <p><a href="https://www.burnley.ac.uk/">https://www.burnley.ac.uk/</a></p>	<p>A Levels T Level Vocational Apprenticeship</p>	<p>Thursday 15 September Wednesday 21 September Tuesday 4 October Thursday 13 October Thursday 3 November Thursday 17 November Thursday 12 January 2023 Tuesday 14 March 2023</p>	<p>All 5.30-8.30pm</p>
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<p>Craven College</p> <p><a href="https://www.craven-college.ac.uk/">https://www.craven-college.ac.uk/</a></p>	<p>Vocational Apprenticeships</p>	<p>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 3<sup>rd</sup> February (Year 11 Taster Morning) Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June</p> <p>There are open events at the Aviation Academy in Leeds Check the website</p>	<p>5.30 -5.30pm</p>
<p>Askham Bryan College</p> <p><a href="https://www.askham-bryan.ac.uk/">https://www.askham-bryan.ac.uk/</a></p>	<p>Land based agricultural Vocational</p>	<p>Sat 12<sup>th</sup> November Sat 28<sup>th</sup> January</p>	<p>Check the website</p>
<p>Cardinal Newman College</p> <p><a href="https://www.cardinalnewman.ac.uk/">https://www.cardinalnewman.ac.uk/</a></p>	<p>A Levels T levels Vocational</p>	<p>Sat 15<sup>th</sup> October Sat 12<sup>th</sup> November Sat 4<sup>th</sup> February</p>	
<p>Myerscough College (Multiple sites)</p> <p><a href="https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/">https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/</a></p>	<p>Technical Apprenticeship</p>	<p>Saturday 10 September Saturday 8 October Saturday 5 November Saturday 10 December</p>	<p>All 10am-2pm</p>
<p>Nelson &amp; Colne College</p> <p><a href="https://www.nelson.ac.uk">https://www.nelson.ac.uk</a></p>	<p>A Levels T Level Vocational Apprenticeship</p>	<p>Thursday 29 September Wednesday 19 October Tuesday 22 November Wednesday 25 January 2023 Tuesday 7 February 2023 (Apprenticeships only)</p>	<p>All 5.30-7.30pm</p> <p>Quiet hour 4.30- 5.30pm place must be booked in advance.</p>
<p>CRGS Sixth Form</p> <p><a href="http://www.crgs.org.uk">http://www.crgs.org.uk</a></p>	<p>A Levels only</p>	<p>Wednesday 2 November</p>	<p>Time tbc</p>

St Christopher's Sixth Form <a href="https://www.st-christophers.org/sixth">https://www.st-christophers.org/sixth</a>	A Levels only	Thursday 20h October	6-8pm
Training 2000 <a href="https://www.training2000.co.uk/">https://www.training2000.co.uk/</a>	Apprenticeship only	Dates tbc	Dates tbc
North Lancs Training Group <a href="https://www.nltg.co.uk/">https://www.nltg.co.uk/</a>	Apprenticeships only	Contact NLTG directly- no general Open Event	

Additional support and resources are available on the careers page on the school website, with useful links to different colleges and also a free career quiz to generate ideas for future options.

<https://bowland.atctrust.org.uk/learning/careers/>

As a starter, below is a link to a brief outline of the main post 16 options.

<https://successatschool.org/advisedetails/1314/parents-guide-to-post-16-qualifications>

Please note that application deadlines for post 16 provision vary between providers: some are as early as mid-December. Applications are made from mid-September onwards and interviews and offers for places are given on a conditional basis based on reports and predicted grades. We suggest that pupils apply for at least 2 colleges by Christmas if possible. This keeps their options open and they do not have to choose until GCSE results day.

Supported application sessions will be offered at lunchtime in school. If your child would like to apply for an apprenticeship, they should have a completed CV and be prepared to do extra research around their chosen role, industry and local employers. I am available in school to provide a CV template, check CVs and provide specific advice.

I am aware that this letter contains a lot of information but if you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact me on [eburns@bowland.atctust.org.uk](mailto:eburns@bowland.atctust.org.uk)

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